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**CHAMP CLARK CHOSEN
FOR MINORITY LEADER****Action of Democratic Caucus of
House Members Unanimous.
Missourian Accepts.****NEW LEADER OUTLINES HIS POLICY****John Sharp Williams in Retiring Sug-
gests Clark as His Successor—Mis-
sissippians Heads Off Contemplated
Nominating Speech—Legislator of
Long Experience.**(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, was tonight chosen minority leader of the House of Representatives in a caucus of the Democratic members of that body.

Mr. Clark's election was unanimous. His name was suggested to the caucus by the retiring minority leader Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi.

Resolutions were adopted thanking Mr. Williams for his services to the party on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Clark's Acceptance.
In accepting the leadership Mr. Clark said:

"I am profoundly grateful for the great honor just conferred on me—an honor doubly prized because of the unanimity with which it comes. I hope to discharge the numerous and difficult duties of the position so as not to cause you to regret the action of this hour, but I cannot do it; no man can without the cordial co-operation and constant assistance of his fellow members. This co-operation and this assistance I now invoke in the interest of the country, and of a great historic party. These interests are largely committed to our hands. To promote them by securing unity of action requires some self-abnegation; some yielding of opinion; some sacrifice of ease on the part of every Democratic member.

Must Pull Together.

"By conference, by pulling together and punctual attendance on the sessions of the committees and of the putting away of personal jealousies, we can accomplish much for the welfare of the country and the strengthening of the party of which we are members; for let it never be forgotten that the serves his party best who serves his country well."

"I shall confer with you as frequently as possible and invite suggestions on the principle that in a multitude of counselors there is wisdom.

"Each member should make himself thoroughly familiar with the business pertaining to his committee, and should be in the House to look after it. I have no policy other than to carry out your wishes. Truth to tell, being elected to fill out the unexpired term of our friend, Hon. John Sharp Williams, who voluntarily relinquished the burdens and honors of the position, I feel that it is really his term and his arrangement will be carried out as nearly as two men who think for themselves can agree.

Says Strength in Unity.

"The chief thought in my mind on this occasion and always is that in unity there is strength and that we must stand together if we would increase the influence of the Democratic party as a factor in public affairs. I feel that I now enjoy the friendship of every member here tonight, and of every member who has a right to be here tonight. The fondest wish that I could entertain for myself is that on the fourth of March I will have as many friends as I have on December 5th."

"Mr. Clark in succeeding Mr. Williams, who has been the Democratic leader for six years, takes up the leadership with a united Democracy behind him. During the six terms he has served in the House he has won the reputation among his admirers of both parties of being one of its most scholarly and eloquent members.

Williams Disarranges Program.
The program for the election of the new leader was disarranged by the retiring leader, Mr. Williams, who did not wait for the man selected to nominate the Missouri representative, but performed that function himself.

As soon as Chairman Clayton, of Alabama, had read the resignation of

Mr. Williams as leader, Mr. Stanley, of Kentucky, presented a set of resolutions thanking Mr. Williams for his services and accepting the resignation.

Just as that resolution was adopted Mr. Williams arrived. He responded to the applause with a speech which concluded with predictions of what an excellent leader Mr. Clark would make, not appreciating that the selection had not yet been made.

Nominating Speech Nipped.

Mr. Henry, of Texas, was to have followed with a speech nominating Mr. Clark, but all he could do was to approve of the manner in which Mr. Williams had performed that task and to second the nomination.

Messrs. Sulzer, of New York; Macon, of Arkansas; James, of Kentucky; Cox, of Indiana and Simms, of Tennessee, also seconded the nomination.

Upon Representative Chandler's motion the election was made unanimous. Representatives Lloyd, of Missouri; Russell, of Texas and Barrett, of Georgia then brought the new leader into the caucus to tell him the news.

SMITH MURDER CASE.**Preliminary Hearing Brings Out Im-
portant Facts.**(By Associated Press.)
RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 5.—Tonight money that Dr. W. E. Smith, a Richmond, Va. coal company salesman, on the night of his recent arrival in Raleigh, visited in an intoxicated and raved condition Earl Cotton's cafe in the tenderloin district, and that he was taken into a rear room by Cotton and Cotton's friend, Tim H. McNeil, and later brought out and carried away in a hack driven by a negro, Ed Chevas, was introduced at today's preliminary hearing in the case of Cotton and McNeil, charged with murder and with assault and robbery.

Smith was found dead in a rock quarry the morning after these events. Richard Williams, a negro, testified that Cotton sent Smith's diamond ring and watch to a negro woman, who hid them.

**The hearing will be continued Mon-
day.****NAVY'S POWDER PLANTS****Capacity Nearly Equals Peace
Requirements of Warships.****INDEPENDENT OF DUPONT TRUST****Naval Chief of Bureau of Ordnance
In Annual Report, Recommends
Equipment for Building Fourteen-
Inch Guns for Use Afloat.**(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—In his annual report made public today, Rear Admiral Macon, chief of the bureau of ordnance declares that the twelve-inch guns mounted on the eight latest battleships in commission are equal or superior in power to any twelve-inch guns yet afloat anywhere in the world, and the twelve-inch guns of our battleships in course of construction will be equal or superior in power to any twelve-inch foreign gun of which we have authentic information.

Anticipating the possible need of a more powerful gun than any now in use, he favors the partial remodeling of the naval gunpowder factories at the Washington navy yard in order to construct an immense 14-inch gun designed to fire a 15,000 pound projectile.

Ammunition a Problem.

The manufacture and preservation of ammunition remains a great problem for the bureau of ordnance. Admiral Macon explains. In this connection the statements made concerning the attitude of the Dupont Powder Company, now being prosecuted by another branch of the government under the antitrust laws, proved a feature of the report.

"The capacities of the government plants are probably how much they, during the continuance of peace, the government may be considered near independent of the Dupont Powder Company, and there is no danger of its having to purchase at exorbitant prices," says Admiral Macon.

Firing Tests at Monitor.

Speaking of the satisfactory results of the firing tests on the Monitor Florida last spring, he admitted that it was shown that the mechanism of the turret and the apparatus with it could not be injuriously affected by the greatest shock of impact which the turret armor was capable of withstanding.

The experiments also demonstrated that the under-tilt construction, of our latest type battleships is well adapted to resist a torpedo explosion

**SUFFRAGETTES WANT
DEEDS, NOT WORDS****Picturesque and Violent Demon-
stration by Militant Section
Warring For Woman's Rights.****CHAIN THEMSELVES TO THE SEATS****Ejectors Finally Cut Chains and Many
Disturbers Removed From Albert
Hall Meeting—Recently Released
Suffragette Prisoners Appear in
Prison Garb—Concession Offered.**

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The gulf between the suffragists and the suffragettes, the latter being the term generally used to describe the militant section of the female agitators, who believe in street riots and attacks on cabinet ministers, as the quickest means of attaining the suffrage for their sex, was further widened late today by reason of a fierce demonstration indulged in by the suffragettes at Albert Hall against David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer.

The chancellor was addressing a suffrage meeting under the auspices of the Women's Liberal Association. Hardly had he announced that he was present with the object of making the government's intention regarding the problem of woman suffrage, when a great uproar broke out.

Deeds, Not Words.

Strident voices, from all parts of the hall, shrieked: "We want deeds, not words."

Three hundred and fifty stewards, of the hall, anticipating disturbances, moved down the aisle on the women who had interrupted the speaker, with the idea of ejecting them.

They found them chained to their seats. A confused struggle then began between the men and the women, but finally the chains were cut and the suffragettes expelled.

But Disorder Increased.

But the number of the disorderly seemed to increase rather than diminish.

Some of the women were armed with whips, and they repelled vigorously every attempt to eject them.

Every time Mr. Lloyd-George attempted to speak, his voice was drowned with mingled groans and cheers, and he was compelled to sit down.

Finally the organizer tried to soothe the hysterical sisterhood by playing "What Can the Matter Be?" But it was of no use and pandemonium reigned.

The uproar was at its height, when a dozen suffragettes, recently released from prison, divested themselves of their outer wraps and appeared in their jail garb. This exhibition acted on the sisterhood like a red rag on a bull. Megaphones and bells were brought into use and the noise became deafening.

The stewards lost their tempers, and as they continued to throw out the demonstrators the clothes of many of the women were torn off.

Chancellor Gives Promise.

Finally the opposition became worn out and Mr. Lloyd-George was able to continue with only occasional interruption. He assured his audience of some people, that there was a majority in the cabinet and the Liberal party in favor of woman suffrage, and that a suffrage clause would be included in the government's franchise bill, which, however, could not be introduced until the eve of the dissolution of Parliament. The Liberal, however, he said, would demonstrate to the House of Lords, that the House of Commons, was no so impotent as was imagined.

**MOONSHINER AND
MARSHAL ARE KILLED****Desperate Fight in West Virginia
Mountains Between Officers and
Illicit Distillers.**

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Dec. 5.—In a fight between a dozen deputy marshals and a gang of alleged moonshiners today forty miles south of here Deputy Marshal Litteral was killed by William Vinson who was himself shot and killed by the officers.

The deputies arrested Joseph Vinson, Morris Bates and William Vinson, Jr., and are enroute to this city. Vinson and his men have been defying arrest for several months.

About a month ago Joseph Vinson was captured in Lawrence, county

Ky., by an officer from Louisa, Ky., who started with him for the Louisa jail. On the way there they were overtaken by a party of Vinson's friends, who held the officer up at the point of revolvers, and recaptured Vinson. They put him on a horse and took him into the mountains of West Virginia, where they have since been defying Kentucky, West Virginia and Federal officers.

Vinson and his friends were all heavily armed and just such a night had been expected as Vinson was determined not to be taken alive.

**SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL
CONGRESS MEETS MONDAY****South Will Provide Large Representa-
tion—Other Attendants Will
Come from East and West.**(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—The Southern Commercial Congress, which begins a two-day session here Monday next and whose object and purpose is to unfold the resources and industrial possibilities of the Southern states, is expected to attract an unusual attendance. Among them will be many industrial leaders and representatives of commercial bodies. The South will provide a large representation, while from Chicago, Trenton, N. J., and New York City, will come many men who in this way propose studying the South as a field for commercial development. Those in charge of the arrangements for the congress have hit upon the plan of conspicuously displaying numerous diagrams and charts showing the possibilities of the South, which, it is said, will provide valuable information aside from the various papers which will be read.**Band to Help.**

By courtesy of the secretary of the navy, the United States marine band before the opening of the congress Monday morning will give a concert in the auditorium of the Willard hotel, where the sessions will be held.

The first of these will be presided over by Oscar S. Straus, secretary of commerce and labor; the second by Philip Welfin, president of New Orleans Progressive Union; the third by James E. Smith, president St. Louis Business Men's League; the fourth by Charles Hall Davis, president Petersburg, Va., Chamber of Commerce and sixth by W. A. Burnes, president Jacksonville, Fla., Board of Trade.

DEFAUDS THROUGH MAILS.**This is Charge Lodged Against Win-
ters by Authorities.**(By Associated Press.)
NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 5.—R. L. Winters, 28 years old, claiming to be from Williamsport, Pa., Philadelphia and Atlantic City, was arrested by United States Postoffice Inspector Bulla today upon a warrant charging him with using the mails to defraud.

Winters was held in jail until December 16 to allow the government time to secure witnesses from North Carolina, and other points.

N. N. Self, of Telford, Tenn., who had shipped Winters poultry, etc., was the complaining witness today. Winters, the government alleges, recently received two car loads of oranges, a car of flour from Oklahoma, and many other things from different parts of the country.

The defendant admitted his only asset was office furniture and \$75 in bank.

He has been trading as the Winters Mercantile Company.

General Imboden Buried.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 5.—Without pomp or ceremony, the body of General J. D. Imboden, a gallant Confederate soldier, was buried in what is known as the "arrow" at the entrance in Hollywood this morning.

The body was disinterred at Damascus yesterday and arrived here today. General Imboden was born in Augusta county. He attended Washington College, now Washington and Lee University, and lived in Washington county a number of years. He also lived in Richmond for several years, after the close of the war between the States and was associated in the practice of law with the late Roger Pace.

PATTERSON BEING TRIED.**Court Martial Sitting in Case of Cap-
tain of Marines.**(By Associated Press.)
NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 5.—It is confirmed tonight that Captain Samuel A. W. Patterson, United States marine corps, is being court-martialed at the navy yard on the charge of failure to obey orders, and that J. Newton is to be tried later on the same charge.

Rear Admiral Nathan E. Miles, is the president of the court-martial. Officers decline to make any statement, but the specifications are said to be sensational.

**CHURCHES MUST LOOK
AFTER MORAL WELFARE****This Was the Note of Yesterday's
Proceedings of Federal Council
of Religionists.****ATTENTION TO IMMIGRANTS URGED****New York Minister, In Stirring
Speech Alludes to Spread of Un-
christian Brand of Socialism—Coun-
cil Claims No Jurisdiction Over
Troubles of Anti-Saloon League.**

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 5.—In a stirring speech to the delegates of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Rev. Charles Stedie, of New York, today declared that the church must look after the religious and moral welfare of immigrants in order to prevent the onward march of socialism.

While our churches are deserting the downtown fields in New York and letting the immigrants look out for themselves, socialism is stepping in," said Dr. Stedie, who is secretary of the department of churches and labor of the Presbyterian church.

Foreigners Accepting Socialism.

"Every night speeches are made from boxes on street corners and the foreigners are accepting socialism. And it is not the Christian socialism that you hear about, but it is the socialism that preaches revolution and is a real menace to the country."

**The council held but one session
today.**

Among the matters disposed of, was a request of the Anti-Saloon League of America to investigate its management, charges having been made that the league is not properly conducted.

Look After Moral Welfare.

The council decided that it had no jurisdiction in the matter.

Resolutions were adopted expressing the conviction of the Federal Council that in view of conditions that exist in cities, small towns and rural communities, that the time has come when the churches should join their forces in federated effort, and that the aim should be to make a local federation a means through which the evangelistic need and moral welfare of the community will be cared for more effectively.

A resolution presented by the committee of the church and the immigrants, providing that the Federal Council urge local federations to survey the field, study conditions and plans for the work of looking after immigrants, was adopted.

Greetings to President.

The following message signed by Bishop Hendrix, of the Methodist Episcopal church South, who is president of the council, was sent to President Roosevelt.

"The first Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, representing 18,000,000 communicants, sends Christian greetings to our chief magistrate from the city where was held the constitutional convention presided over by Washington and which made possible our great and united nation."

WHIPPED NEGRO FAMILY.**Warrants Issued for Alleged Night
Riders Upon Serious Charge.**(By Associated Press.)
CAMILLA, GA., Dec. 5.—Judge W. N. Spence, of the Albany Superior Court, has issued warrants for the arrest of Frank Adams and John Rodney, prominent white men of Miller county, charging them with a serious offense.

According to the story of Andrew Moore, an aged negro, corroborated by members of his family, he had a son in the Miller county chain gang who recently escaped. It is alleged that a party of night riders, led by Adams and Rodney, the latter a deputy sheriff of Miller county, went to the old negro's house in Baker county and charged him and his family with hiding the escaped convict.

This, they denied, whereupon the night riders it is charged, took them into the woods and severely whipped the old man, his wife, his son and his sons' wife.

This bringing forth no confession as to the whereabouts of the escaped convict a rope was put around the old negro's neck and over the limb of a tree, and he was being choked to death when the rope broke and he managed to escape in the darkness followed by a volley of shots from the guns of the night riders.

Judge Spence has directed that the sheriff arrest the two men, place them in jail, and have them well guarded until the grand jury meets at Newton, Baker county, a week from tomorrow. Sheriff Perry, of

Baker county at last reports was searching for the alleged night riders who have many friends in Miller county, and who say that the two men will never be taken.

Maher's Mount Wins.
(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Dec. 5.—"Danny" Maher, the American jockey, made his debut over the hurdles at Kempton Park this afternoon. He won the Stained Handicap on Daffia, the favorite. Seven horses started.

**SEVEN MEN GO DOWN
WITH SINKING BARGE****Attached by Hawser to Tug When
She Mysteriously Disappeared
Beneath Waves.**(By Associated Press.)
SHELburne, N. S., Dec. 5.—Seven men died off the southern coast of Nova Scotia last Thursday morning when the barge Number 101, owned by the Baffin Manufacturing Company of Boston in tow of the tug John Hughes bound from Boston to Halifax, went down with all her crew.

The barge left Boston Wednesday in tow of the tug John Hughes carrying 20,000 gallons of coal tar. That night a gale sprung up and the sea became boisterous. About 1:40 o'clock on Thursday morning an unusually heavy strain was felt on the tow rope, and the barge suddenly disappeared from view of the lookout on the tug.

Captain Evans of the tug had the tow line cut immediately so that the sinking vessel would not drag the tug down with it. Freed from the hawser, the tug steamed back to where the barge was last seen but was unable to find any trace of the crew or wreckage.

The accident occurred at a point 30 miles south of Seal Island, Cape Sable.

After remaining in the vicinity until daybreak, the tug headed for Shelburne and reported the tragedy today.

The barge was built 20 years ago at Duluth, Minn., and was constructed of iron. Her hailing port was Niagara Falls.

LYNCHBURG VOTES DRY**Majority Against Liquor License Is
Hundred and Ninety-Five.****PRAYER ROOMS FEATURE OF CONTEST****Two Hundred and Fifty Organized
Children March and Sing—Day Ser-
vices at Church—Apparently Sa-
loons Must Close On March 5.**(By Associated Press.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., Dec. 5.—Lynchburg voted against liquor license today by a majority of 195 in a total of 1,958.

The election passed off quietly. The only unusual feature was coffee and prayer rooms maintained by the W. C. T. U. near each precinct; all day prayer service at one church, and marching and singing of 250 well-organized children.

There seems to be no chance of a contest, and if not the thirty-four saloons will close March 5 next.

APPEAL FILED.**Southern Pacific Will Fight Proposi-
tion to Tax Steamships.**(By Associated Press.)
LOUISVILLE, KY., Dec. 5.—An appeal was filed by the Southern Pacific Company, carrying up to the Circuit Court the back tax suit decided recently by Judge Arthur Peter in the county court.

Judge Peter held that the company owed taxes on steamships to the value of \$5,113,572 for 1906 and \$8,115,643 for 1907.

The fight probably will go to the Supreme Court of the United States before it stops. The question is one of where the ships that sail the Pacific ocean are to be taxed.

LICENSE REVOKED.**Insurance Company Ousted for Violat-
ing Anti-Redeem Law.**(By Associated Press.)
FRANKFORT, KY., Dec. 5.—On the ground of violating the anti-rebate laws and alleged illegal connection with the Standard Trust Company, of Louisville, Tenn., State Insurance Commissioner C. W. Bell today revoked the license of the Security Life Insurance Company of America, to do business in Kentucky. The company was admitted to the State in June 1907.**HOODOOED CRUISER
IS AGAIN ON BOTTOM****This Time the Yankee Lies on
Even Keel in 42 Feet
of Water.****PART OF SUPERSTRUCTURE SHOWS****In Connecting Broken Hawser, Tug Is
Slammed Against Side of Recently
Floated Warship—Impact Smashes
in Compartment Which Rapidly
Fills—May Yet Be Saved.**

(By Associated Press.)

NEW BEDFORD, MASS., Dec. 5.—With only a portion of her forward deck, her funnel and her masts projecting above water, the United States cruiser Yankee, and which only yesterday was floated from the dangerous Hen and Chicken ledge at the western entrance to Buzzard's Bay, where she had been held for ten weeks, rested tonight on the bottom of Buzzard's Bay, not far from Penikese Island.

Although the Yankee's position and condition are most unfavorable, it is the opinion among wreckers and naval officers that her raising will not prove a much more difficult undertaking here than was her freeing from the Hen and Chicken ledge.

Some Narrow Escapes.

Although no lives were lost, Charles C. Marsh, in command of the cruiser, and Engineer William Wallace Wetherspoon and Captain James T. McAllister, who were in charge of salvage operations and six members of the crew, had to climb hastily into the rigging and then jump on board of one of the tugs to escape being carried down with the ship.

The Yankee sank six fathoms deep early today near what is known as the Sand Spit, while being towed to this city for repairs.

The sinking occurred at four o'clock this morning, exactly 14 hours after she had been floated from the ledge. The cause of today's accident, the culmination of a series of misfortunes, which have befallen the Yankee was an unusually heavy sea kicked up by a high northwest gale.

Tug Hurled Against Cruiser.

The Yankee, in tow of the tugs John Harlan and Powhatan and conveyed by the naval collier Lebanon was proceeding slowly from Spindle Rock to this port. The hawsers had parted for the tenth time and the tug John Harlan was trying to connect another line when she was lifted on a wave and slammed against the side of the cruiser.

The impact smashed in a port in the compartment where three air compressors were at work.

Water, which poured in through the open port, disabled the air pumps, after which the compartment rapidly filled. The cruiser did not sink at once.

Filled Suddenly and Sank.

Captain McAllister, who was in charge of the marine engine of the wrecking work, warned the members of the wrecking crew to leave the ship. All but six of the 32 men left. The Yankee was then straightened as well as the wreckers could do it, and an attempt was made to drag her to Penikese Island, and beach her there. This plan seemed likely to succeed when not far from the island the cruiser filled suddenly and sank in 42 feet of water. The Yankee went down in sheltered position and took bottom on an even keel.

She rested on sand.

The collier Leganon is standing by. The wrecking crew, Commander Marsh, Captain McAllister and Engineer Wetherspoon were brought here during the day by the Powhatan and the John Harlan.

The tug John Harlan suffered somewhat from the impact against the Yankee, the railing and stanchions about the pilot house of the tug being carried away, while the commander of the tug, Captain Chase, had a narrow escape from serious injury.

One Killed; 30 Injured.(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 5.—Gus Olsen, motorman, was fatally injured and about 20 others more or less seriously injured in a head on collision between two heavily loaded freight cars in a dense fog on the University line early today. Both cars were badly damaged and the crews and passengers piled up with the debris.